SIXTH DAY—*Wednesday, 28th October 1931.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*continued*).

DHARMAPRAKASA D. BANUMAIAH (Mysore City Municipality).—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the distance of the Virajanadi *nala* and how many years were taken to excavate it?

(*b*) What is the extent of dry land that may be converted into wet under this channel? (Villagewar particulars to be furnished.)

(*c*) For what distance in the channel the supply of water is now made and how many acres are under wet cultivation?

(*d*) How many miles of the channel are lying waste without supply of water?

(*e*) If the length of the channel that is lying waste is improved, how many acres will become wet?

(*f*) Is there any likelihood of this channel being extended?

(*g*) If so, by how many miles?

(*h*) Is it possible to state when it will be extended?

(*i*) Will the waste lands available under this channel be given out for permanent cultivation?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, KRISHNARAJASAGARA WORKS.—

A.—15. (*a*) This is a very old channel. It was improved in 1885 and attempts were made to extend it for about 18 miles. The extension was abandoned owing to inadequate supplies and the length under which lands are now being irrigated is about 27½ miles.

(*b*) It is presumed that information regarding lands which can be irrigated under the abandoned length is wanted.

The area under this length is as under:—

			Acres.
Dod Ankanahalli	....		146
Chick Ankanahalli	....		42
Bidarahalli Hundi	....		189
Harohalli	....		815
Mahadevapura	....		600
	Total	....	1,792

(*c*) 27½ miles. 7,844 acres.

(*d*) The abandoned length owing to insufficient supplies is about 17½ miles.

(*e*) *Vide* reply to item (*b*) above.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) According to the recent Agreement with Madras, extensions are permissible so as to bring under irrigation (by improvement of duty only) 33⅓ per cent of the area that was being irrigated in 1910. The area in 1910 that was being irrigated being 7,408 acres, the total extension permissible (by improvement of duty without enlarging the head sluice and channel in the first portion) is 2,469 acres only. Thus the total extent of irrigation under this channel has to be limited to 9,877 acres. The existing area is 7,844 acres and steps are being taken to get the balance area of 2,033 acres of permissible extensions partly under the Burgi branch and partly by extending the main channel by having recourse to careful distribution, prevention of waste and leakages in the old length.

(*h*) The scheme is being prepared and examined. Will be considered when finances permit. The extensions have to be done gradually by careful distribution of water and improvement of duty.

(*i*) The portion to be extended will be settled soon. After this is done, there is no objection to give out the lands under other portions of the abandoned extensions for cultivation.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

With reference to answer to question (*a*) that the extension of the channel was abandoned owing to inadequate supplies, may I ask if there was not enough water in the Krishnarajasagara?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

The channel is not meant to derive its supply from the Krishnarajasagara. There is not enough supply in the Virajanadi from which the supply should be made.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

With reference to answer to (*h*), may I know if temporary cultivation can be permitted pending completion of the channel?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

The question has not arisen so far. The whole project will be decided upon in a year or two and the question of extension of cultivation will also be decided in that connection.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Will it be possible to supply water to this channel in a year or two?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

Yes.

Mr. G. Mallanna.—

The answer to question (*c*) shows that 7,844 acres can be cultivated under the channel and the answer to (*b*) shows that 1,792 acres can be cultivated under the abandoned portion of the channel. Do these figures imply that all the remaining extent should be left uncultivated?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

Under the Agreement with the Madras Government, we cannot allow more cultivation.

MESSRS. M. SUBBAIYA (Seringapatam Municipality), S. DEVAIYA and SIVANANJEGOWDA (Seringapatam Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the scale of expenditure prescribed for the Sri Narayanaswami temple at Melkote?

(*b*) Out of the prescribed expenditure, what is the expenditure under (i) *Sthalavasada Akki*, (ii) *Paditharа Nithyakatle* and (iii) *Hetchukatle*?